

1955 EDITION

Cougar Pigskin Preview



1955 SCHEDULE . . .

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Sept. 17	Oregon State	Corvallis	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	Los Angeles State	Provo	8:00 p.m.
*Oct. 1	University of Montana	Missoula	8:00 p.m.
*Oct. 8	University of Utah	Salt Lake	8:00 p.m.
*Oct. 21	Denver University	Denver	8:15 p.m.
*Oct. 29	Wyoming University	Laramie	1:30 p.m.
*Nov. 5	#Utah State	Provo	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	Idaho University	Provo	2:15 p.m.
*Nov. 19	Colorado A&M	Provo	1:30 p.m.
*Nov. 26	New Mexico University	Albuquerque	2:00 p.m.

* Conference Games.
Homecoming Game.

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Athletic Council Chairman	Dr. Wayne B. Hales

ATHLETIC STAFF

Director of Athletics	Dr. Edwin R. Kimball
Head Football Coach	Charles "Chick" Atkinson (Idaho '41)
Assistant Football Coach	Owen Dixon (BYU '46)
Assistant Football Coach	Wally Nalder (Utah '50)
Assistant Football Coach	Dave Crowton (BYU '38)
Assistant Football Coach	Max Tolbert (BYU '52)
Trainer	Rodney Kimball
Chairman, Athletic Council	Dr. Wayne B. Hales
Ticket Manager	Floyd Taylor

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1954 RESULTS . . .

BYU Score		Opp. Score
12	New Mexico	21
19	Arizona State	28
13	Colorado A&M	14
7	Utah	12
19	Montana	7
13	Utah State	45
0	Denver	20
13	Wyoming	34
0	Idaho	7
96		188

Record: 1-8

1954 SKYLINE STANDINGS

Conference Games

	W	L	T	Pct.
Denver	6	1	0	.857
Wyoming	5	1	0	.833
Utah State	4	3	0	.571
New Mexico	3	3	0	.500
Utah	3	3	0	.500
Colorado A&M	3	4	0	.429
Montana	1	5	0	.167
Brigham Young	1	6	0	.143

All Games

	W	L	T	Pct.
Denver	9	1	0	.900
Wyoming	6	4	0	.600
New Mexico	5	5	0	.500
Utah State	4	6	0	.400
Utah	4	7	0	.364
Montana	3	6	0	.333
Colorado A&M	3	7	0	.300
Brigham Young	1	8	0	.111

FINAL STATISTICS (9 Games)

	Games	1st Downs	Rush	Net Gains Pass	Total	Forward Pass Att.	Comp	Intcd
BYU	9	124	1524	912	2436	145	55	14
Opp.	9	111	1787	594	2381	90	43	4

	Punting Avg.	Yds Lost	Penalties
BYU	35.1	412	
Opp.	36	365	

FROSH 1954 RECORD

Y Frosh	7	USAC Frosh	0
Y Frosh	6	Utah Frosh	39
Y Frosh	46	Snow J. C.	0

MEET CHICK AND

HIS HELPERS . . .



1955 COACHING STAFF — (Front) Wally Nalder, Chick Atkinson, Owen Dixon, (Back) Dave Crowton, Trainer Rod Kimball, Max Tolbert.

Brigham Young University's head football coach, Charles "Chick" Atkinson, a former all-around athlete from Idaho University who is now in his seventh season at the Cougar helm, has practically a new staff of assistants for the 1955 season. Owen Dixon, for the past two years head freshman coach, joins the varsity along with two new Atkinson assistants, Wally Nalder and Max Tolbert. Dave Crowton, veteran BYU coach, is the fifth member of the coaching team. (Reed Nilsen, former line coach, accepted a position at Los Angeles State, and Bob Bunker, former end coach, is now full-time freshman basketball coach for the Cougars.)

In length of service, Chick Atkinson is one of the foremost coaches in Skyline Conference, yet one of the youngest in years.

Chick came to BYU from Pocatello High School in 1949 where his prep teams won 38 games against 11 defeats. A graduate of Pocatello High, he ranks as one of the finest all-around athletes to come out of Southern Idaho. Chick attended both Idaho State College and the University of Idaho, winning letters in four sports at both schools. He obtained B.S. and M.S. degrees at Moscow, captained the baseball and basketball teams, was selected on Pacific Coast all-conference team, and was president of letterman's club.

During World War II Chick served with the Army. Today he holds the rank of captain in the reserves. Chick

and his wife, Ann, have three children, two boys and a girl.

Wally Nalder, who will be taking over the Cougar back-field coaching duties, is a former all-conference guard from the University of Utah. He won all-America honorable mention his junior and senior years with the Utes. Before coming to BYU Wally was head football coach and director of athletics at Eastern Arizona Junior College, Thatcher, Ariz.

Regarded by a host of critics as the best small guard to come out of Utah, Nalder and his Eastern Arizona crew compiled a 20-10 record in three seasons. Last year his team was considered for participation in the Little Rose Bowl.

Nalder is a native of Layton, Utah, and attended Davis High School where he won all-state honors. He served in the armed forces during 1945 and 1946.

Max Tolbert is a native of Fayetteville, Pa., where he won letters four sports as a high school athlete. He came to BYU in 1948 and lettered in football for three consecutive seasons. In his senior year the Cougars chalked up a 6-3-1 record, and Max played a total of 456 minutes, considerably more than any of his teammates. He played both offensive and defensive right end under the old two platoon system. For the past three years Max has been head baseball coach and assistant football coach at Murray High School.

Owen Dixon is one of those coaches who lives and breathes football the year around. Two years ago Owen piloted the B. Y. High Wildcats into the state finals. All conference guard with the Cougars in the years following World War II, Dixon is an ardent follower and student of the game. After graduation from the University he joined the B. Y. High coaching staff where his team won the regional title and moved into the state football playoffs. His club missed the state title by one touchdown. Since joining the BYU staff in 1953, Owen has turned out consistently strong freshman football teams for the Cougars.

During winter and spring quarters at BYU you'll find Dave Crowton working with the Cougar baseball team or talking about the new baseball diamond being constructed north of the football stadium. Dave works tirelessly with Coach Atkinson in the capacity of assistant coach.

BRIGHAM YOUNG COACHES

1922-24	A. G. Twitchell
1925-26	C. J. Hart
1927-36	Ott Romney
1937-41	Eddie Kimball
1942	Floyd Millett
1946-48	Eddie Kimball
1949	Charles Atkinson

COACH, TRAINER . . .

He also knows his athletic relations, having been active with frosh clubs and prep players for a number of years. In his prep days Dave played for Granite High School where he captained the squad in 1930. From 1938 to 1948 Dave took over coaching duties at B. Y. High School, winning the state basketball title just prior to moving into the college ranks.

Rod Kimball is the man whose job it is to keep the football team and other BYU athletic teams in sound physical shape. Of course fall is Rod's most difficult season, especially with scores of varsity and freshman footballers to tape and doctor.

Rod's athletic career started at Jordan High School in 1929. He was president of his junior and senior class, also student body president. He lettered three years in football, baseball, and two years in basketball and track. He lettered at both Utah State and BYU, and was selected as BYU trainer in 1937. Rod takes a lot of kidding from the athletes and coaches because of his large family—he has eleven children—and balding head. But he takes it in his easy-going stride. He is one of the most liked men on the campus.

1954 YARDSTICK

RUSHING:

	Times Carried	Yards	Avg.
*Phil Oyler, HB	54	32	6.2
Dick Felt, HB	91	379	4.2
Don James, FB	75	306	4.1
*Dave McLaren, FB	30	115	3.8
*Will Stolorworth, HB	33	115	3.5

PASSING:

	Attempts	Comp.	Int.	Yards
Ron Bean, QB	42	20	1	437
Henry West, QB	58	20	6	244

PASS RECEIVING:

	Caught	Yards	Scores
*Tom Verbanatz, E	14	226	0
*Marion Probert, E	8	154	0

PUNTING:

	Times Kicked	Yards	Avg.
*Dalton Overstreet, QB	14	617	44.1
Henry West, QB	12	421	35.1
*Players returning for 1955 season.			

DEPTH CHART . . .

(Right Tackle)

Fred Leavitt
Dean Gillespie
Mike Hinkley
Dan Nisonger
Ross Carter

(Right End)

**Tom Verbanatz
**Owen Skousen
Elgin Louder
Richard Edgley

(Right Guard)

**Joe Martinez
*Glenn Taylor
Bill Matthews
Merrill Glenn

(Right Halfback)

**Willard Stolorworth
*Dalton Overstreet
*Jim Crittenden
Bob Bills
Raynor Pearce
Ralph Migliaccio
Dave Pinckney

(Center)

*Famika Anae
Jim Warner
Paul Daleabout
Tom Phillips

(Quarterback)

Bob Olson
Don Dixon
Carroll Johnston
George Pinckney

(Fullback)

**Johnny Velasco
*Dave McLaren
*Ken Gomm
Scott Farmer
Roy Jones
Richard Hunt

(Left Guard)

*Jay Weenig
**Bob Earp
Bob Loose
Jack Clark

(Left Halfback)

**Phil Oyler
*Gary LaComb
LeGrand Young
Herb Pingree
Jack Hilton

(Left Tackle)

**Ralph Powers
Dick Ralph
Roy Bennion
Steve Hawkins
John McDonald

(Left End)

*Ray Neel
Paul Brown
Johnny Wood
Rudy Zander

*Denotes previous BYU letters.
Chart is subject to change, indeed.

WHAT TO EXPECT . . .

SYSTEM: The Cougars will continue to use a T-formation, utilizing plays coming off everything from a straight-T to a sliding split-T.

GROUND GAME: Scatbacks Phil Oyler, Gary LaComb, Jim Crittenden, Bob Bills, Will Stolworthy, for speed. LeGrand Young, and fullbacks for power plays.

PASSING GAME: Bob Olson will be doing most of the flipping, along with quarters Don Dixon, Carroll Johnston, and others. Oyler and Overstreet may pass from halfback slots.

KICKING: Jay Weenig on kickoffs, Weenig and Ken Gomm on PAT's.

RETURNING LETTERMEN (1954)

(15)

Famika Anae, Center	Dalton Overstreet, QB
Jim Crittenden, Halfback	Phil Oyler, Halfback
Ken Gomm, Halfback	Ralph Powers, Tackle
Dave Hanks, Tackle	Will Stolworthy, Halfback
Gary LaComb, Halfback	Johnny Velasco, Fullback
Dave McLaren, Fullback	Tom Verbanatz, End
Ray Neel, End	Jay Weenig, Guard
Glenn Taylor, Center	

LETTERMEN NOT RETURNING

(14)

Lonnie Badger, T, (Mission)	Paul Kochevar, C, (Grad.)
Ron Bean, Q, (Service)	Paul Mendenhall, E, (Grad.)
Dick Felt (HB, (Graduated)	Ivan Muse, G, (Grad.)
Lyle Heinz, G, (Mission)	Marion Probert, E, (Grad.)
Don James, FB, (Graduated)	John Robinson, T, (Grad.)
Marlo Holland, E, (Service)	Clint Taylor, G, (Grad.)
Dave Kimball, QB, (Mission)	Henry West, Q, (Grad.)

LETTERMEN RETURNING FROM SERVICE

(5)

Bob Earp, Guard	Roy Jones, Fullback
Joe Martinez Guard	Bob Bills, Halfback
Owen Skousen, End	

FROM THE CATS . . .

SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT

At first glance it looks like a good year for "building" at Cougarville. There are 23 first-year players on the roster, half a dozen others playing the Atkinson T-formation for the first time, and big holes left by seniors and other regulars no longer with the Cats. Church missions and the armed services have further depleted the Y grid ranks.

Despite arguments to the contrary, the Cougars can be sized up as something more than nuisance value in the coming football campaign. The three returning members of last year's starting eleven—Jay Weenig, Ralph Powers and Phil Oyler will be augmented by (A), five former lettermen returning from the service, (B) a couple of promising transfer students, and (C) a group of determined, promising young gridders up from last year's fine freshman squad. Add to this Coach Atkinson's own evaluation of the 1955 squad—"slightly improved over last year's team"—and you have the brighter side of the BYU picture.

True, the '55 squad has obvious personnel problems. The squad as a whole, is green. The tackles and flanks need seasoned help and greater depth, and the key quarterback position appears vulnerable from several standpoints. On the other hand, the guard and center slots are well manned, and the two halfback positions are loaded with some of the fastest ball-carriers ever seen in Skyline competition. The fullbacks, too, will stand comparison with those of recent seasons.

The fact that practically no position is "cinched" by any player this fall is a wedge Atkinson and staff are using to squeeze the best performances possible from the BYU charges.

Bob Olson, who was injured before last year's campaign was underway, looms as the man most likely to engineer the Y's dilating offense. And such scatbacks as Oyler, Gary LaComb, Jim Crittenden, Bob Bills, Willard Stolworthy, should give the opposition plenty of anxious moments. LeGrand Young and fullbacks like John Velasco, Ken Gomm, Roy Jones, and others, will be shouldering the Cats' power running.

With a preponderance of young, inexperienced players to work with, the '55 squad may be a little slow in coming. But once they are rolling, the path leading out of the second division may be easier to find, if it's not too late in the season.

Meanwhile the pressure will be on those clubs favored over the Cougars. And with the only direction to travel being up, the Cougars should be in line for a better season than they had in 1954.

NEWS OUTLETS . . .

The following newspapers and radio stations in Provo and Salt Lake City, desire news releases, brochures, and pictures:

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United Press, 411 Tribune Building,
Salt Lake City
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Union Pacific Building, Salt Lake City

Brigham Young Universe, Campus Newspaper
Brigham Young University, Provo

John Mooney, Salt Lake Tribune
143 South Main, Salt Lake City

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33 Richards Street, Salt Lake City

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Denver, Colorado

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NEWS OUTLETS . . .

GAME BROADCASTS

Once again Brigham Young University football and basketball games will be broadcast over Station KSL under the sponsorship of Phillips Oil.

Four home and six away-from-home football games will be carried to intermountain listeners over Station KSL with sports announcer Dean Bennett reporting.

For the fourth consecutive season Brigham Young University, Radio KSL, and Phillips Oil will team together in an effort to produce the best game coverage possible for those who wish to follow the Cougars through the coming football and basketball seasons.

SKYLINE PUBLICISTS

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Utah State	Jack Nelson
Wyoming University	Wiles Hallock
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New Mexico University	George McFadden
Denver University	Don Smith
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Brigham Young University	Dave Schulthess

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Tom Verbanatz	Ver - ban - atz
Dan Nisonger	Ny - song - er
Jay Weenig	Wee - nig
George Pinckney	Pink - nee
Ralph Migliaccio	Mill - atch - ee

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COUGAR ROSTER FOR 1955

	No.	Name	Wt.	Ht.	Age	Class	BYU Letters	Home Town
LEFT ENDS —								
	89	Ray Neel	195	6-1	19	Junior	1	Orem, Utah
	85	Paul Brown	190	6-0	20	Junior	0	Buhl, Idaho
	84	Rudy Zander	200	6-3	20	Junior	0	New York, N. Y.
	81	Johnny Wood	170	5-11	20	Junior	0	Murray, Utah
RIGHT ENDS —								
	83	Tom Verbanatz	195	6-0	21	Senior	2	Orem, Utah
	86	Owen Skousen	190	6-0	23	Senior	2	Mesa, Arizona
	80	Elgin Louder	185	6-1	19	Sophomore	0	Kamas, Utah
	88	Richard Edgley	175	6-0	19	Sophomore	0	Preston, Idaho
LEFT TACKLES —								
	72	Ralph Powers	195	6-1	20	Senior	2	Lehi, Utah
	76	Roy Bennion	220	6-4	19	Sophomore	0	Granger, Utah
	70	Steve Hawkins	208	6-4	18	Sophomore	0	Tooele, Utah
	78	Dick Ralph	215	6-1	20	Junior	JC	Modesto, California
		John McDonald	194	5-11	23	Sophomore	0	Orem, Utah
RIGHT TACKLES —								
	74	Fred Leavitt	188	6-1	19	Sophomore	0	Las Vegas, Nevada
	73	Dan Nisonger	195	6-2	20	Junior	0	Provo, Utah
	75	Mike Hinckley	205	6-1	19	Sophomore	0	Salt Lake City, Utah
	71	Dean Gillespie	215	6-4	27	Senior	0	Fillmore, Utah
		Ross Carter	205	6-0	23	Senior	0	Provo, Utah
LEFT GUARDS —								
	68	Jay Weenig	210	6-2	20	Junior	1	Boise, Idaho
	60	Bob Earp	210	5-11	23	Senior	2	El Monte, California
	61	Jack Clarke	200	6-0	19	Sophomore	0	Provo, Utah
	64	Bob Loose	180	5-10	21	Senior	0	Belmont, California
RIGHT GUARDS —								
	63	Joe Martinez	190	5-11	22	Senior	2	Midway, Utah
	66	Glenn Taylor	185	6-0	20	Junior	1	Bountiful, Utah
	67	Bill Matthews	190	5-11	19	Sophomore	0	Boise, Idaho
		Glenn Merrill	170	5-9	19	Sophomore	0	Brigham City, Utah
CENTERS —								
	55	Famika Anae	205	6-0	23	Senior	1	Laie, Oahu, T.H.
	59	Jim Warner	265	6-5	23	Sophomore	0	Fillmore, Utah
	54	Paul Dalebout	185	5-11	18	Sophomore	0	Provo, Utah
	50	Tom Phillips	190	6-0	20	Junior	JC	Phoenix, Arizona
QUARTERBACKS —								
	7	Bob Olson	165	5-8	22	Junior	JC	Glendale, California
	10	Carroll Johnston	175	5-10	18	Sophomore	0	Durango, Colorado
	11	Don Dixon	160	6-0	19	Sophomore	0	Salt Lake City, Utah
	14	George Pinckney	165	6-2	20	Senior	JC	Alameda, California
LEFT HALFBACKS —								
		LeGrande Young	187	6-0	19	Sophomore	0	Provo, Utah
	20	Phil Oylar	170	5-11	21	Senior	2	Brigham City, Utah
	22	Gary LaComb	170	5-10	20	Junior	1	Midvale, Utah
	21	Herb Pingree	165	5-8	19	Sophomore	0	Denver, Colorado
	25	Jack Hilton	175	5-10	22	Sophomore	0	Greer, South Carolina
RIGHT HALFBACKS —								
	42	Dalton Overstreet	170	6-0	21	Senior	1	Chandler, Arizona
	40	Willard Stolworthy	170	5-11	21	Senior	2	Orem, Utah
	44	Jim Crittenden	175	6-0	20	Junior	1	Oakley, Utah
		Bob Bills	190	6-0	21	Junior	1	Pasadena, California
	46	Raynor Pearce	180	6-0	19	Sophomore	0	Beaver, Utah
		Ralph Migliaccio	186	5-10	19	Sophomore	0	Spanish Fork, Utah
		Dave Pinckney	175	5-11	23	Junior	0	Alameda, California
FULLBACKS —								
	37	Johnny Velasco	185	5-9	21	Senior	2	Honolulu, Hawaii
	33	Dave McLaren	190	6-1	20	Junior	1	Provo, Utah
	36	Scott Farmer	178	5-10	20	Sophomore	0	Great Falls, Montana
		Roy Jones	180	5-9	22	Junior	0	Murray, Utah
		Richard Hunt	192	5-11	19	Junior	0	Enterprise, Utah
	35	Ken Gomm	175	6-0	19	Junior	1	Ogden, Utah

OPPONENTS . . .

No. 1 — OREGON STATE

September 17, Parker Stadium — 1:30 at Corvallis
 Stadium Parker Stadium ((27,000)
 Series Begins 1955
 Oregon State's 1954 Record 1-8
 Enrollment 5,000
 Nickname Beavers
 Colors Orange and Black
 University President Dr. A. L. Strand
 Athletic Director Roy S. "Speo" Keene
 Head Coach Tommy Prothro (Duke '42)
 Conference Pacific Coast
 Offensive System Single Wing
 Athletic Publicist John H. Eggers

No. 2 — LOS ANGELES STATE

November 24, Cougar Stadium — 8 p.m. at Provo
 Series Begins 1955
 L. A. State 1954 Record 2-6
 Enrollment 6,500
 Nicknames Devils, Demons
 Colors Black and Gold
 University President Howard S. McDonald
 Athletic Director Ferron Losse
 Head Coach Leonard Adams (Drake '39)
 Conference California Collegiate
 Offensive System Split T

No. 3 — MONTANA UNIVERSITY

October 1, Dornblaser Field — 8 p.m. at Missoula
 Stadium Dornblaser Field (10,000)
 Series Began 1941
 Series Record BYU 5, MSU 2
 Biggest BYU margin 28-7 (1952)
 Biggest MSU margin 25-6 (1949)
 Last Year's Score 19-7, BYU
 Montana's 1954 Record 3-6
 Enrollment 2,200
 Nickname Grizzlies, Silvertips
 Colors Copper, Silver, Gold
 University President Dr. Carl McFarland
 Athletic Director Jiggs Dahlberg
 Head Coach Jarry R. Williams (Washington St. '49)
 Conference Mountain States (Skyline)
 Offensive System T-Formation
 Athletic Publicist Ross L. Miller

OPPONENTS . . .

No. 4 — UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

October 8, Ute Stadium — 8 p.m. at Salt Lake City
 Stadium Ute Stadium (30,000)
 Series Began 1922
 Series Record Utah 25, BYU 1, Tied 4
 Biggest BYU Margin 12-7 (1942)
 Biggest Utah Margin 49-0 (1922)
 Last Year's Score 12-7, Utah
 Utah's 1954 Record 4-7
 Enrollment 7,500
 Nickname Utes, Redskins
 Colors Crimson and White
 University President Dr. A. Ray Olpin
 Athletic Director Jack Curtice
 Head Coach Jack Curtice (Transylvania '30)
 Conference Mountain States (Skyline)
 Offensive System Wing-T
 Athletic Publicist Harry James

No. 5 — DENVER UNIVERSITY

October 21, D. U. Stadium — 8:15 p.m. at Denver
 Stadium Pioneer Stadium (30,000)
 Series Began 1933
 Series Record DU 12, BYU 4
 Biggest DU margin 56-6 (1951)
 Biggest BYU margin 20-0 (1938)
 Last BYU victory 14-13 (1952)
 Last Year's Score 20-0, Denver
 Denver's 1954 Record 9-1 (Skyline Champions)
 Enrollment 5,500
 Nickname Pioneers
 Colors Crimson and Gold
 Chancellor Chester M. Alter
 Athletic Director E. E. (Tad) Wieman
 Head Coach John Roning (Minnesota '35)
 Conference Mountain States (Skyline)
 Offensive System T Formation
 Athletic Publicist Don Smith

OPPONENTS . . .

No. 6 — WYOMING UNIVERSITY

October 29, War Memorial — 1:30 p.m. at Laramie
(Homecoming)

Stadium	War Memorial (18,000)
Series Began	1922
Series Record	13-9-2, BYU
Biggest BYU margin	40-0, (1929)
Biggest Wyoming margin	48-0, (1950)
Last Year's Score	34-13, Wyoming
Last BYU Victory	15-14 (1948)
Wyoming's 1954 Record	6-4
Enrollment	2,600
Nicknames	Cowboys, Pokes
Colors	Brown and Yellow
University President	Dr. G. D. Humphrey
Athletic Director	Glenn J. Jacoby
Head Coach	Phil Dickens (Tennessee '36)
Conference	Mountain States (Skyline)
Offensive System	Single Wing
Athletic Publicist	Wiles Hallock

No. 7 — UTAH STATE

November 5, Cougar Stadium — 1:30 p.m. at Provo
(BYU Homecoming)

Series Began	1922
Series Record	17-10-3, Utah State
Biggest BYU Margin	54-0 (1937)
Biggest Utah State Margin	40-0 (1923)
Last Year's Score	45-14, Utah State
Last BYU Victory	28-27 (1951)
Utah State's 1954 Record	4-6
Enrollment	3,500
Nicknames	Farmers, Aggies
Colors	Navy Blue and White
University President	Daryl Chase
Athletic Director	H. B. Hunsaker
Head Coach	Everett Faunce (Minnesota '49)
Conference	Mountain States (Skyline)
Offensive System	Split T
Athletic Publicist	Jack Nelson

OPPONENTS . . .

No. 8 — IDAHO UNIVERSITY

November 11, Cougar Stadium — 2:15 p.m. at Provo	
Series Began	1953
Series Record	1-1
Last Year's Score	7-0, Idaho
Idaho's 1954 Record	4-5
Enrollment	3,500
Nickname	Vandals
Colors	Silver and Gold
Athletic Director	Robert S. Gibb
Head Coach	Skip Stahley (Penn State '30)
Conference	Pacific Coast
Offensive System	T Formation
Athletic Publicist	Ken Hunter

No. 9 — COLORADO A&M

November 19, Cougar Stadium — 1:30 p.m. at Provo	
Series Began	1922
Series Record	14-4-1, A&M
Biggest A&M Margin	33-0 (1922)
Biggest BYU Margin	20-6 (1946)
Last Year's Score	14-13, A&M
Last BYU Victory	21-19 (1951)
Colorado A&M's 1954 Record	3-7
Enrollment	4,000
Nicknames	Rams, Aggies
Colors	Green and Gold
University President	Dr. W. E. Morgan
Director of Athletics	Bob Davis (Utah '30)
Head Coach	Bob Davis (Utah '30)
Conference	Mountain States (Skyline)
Offensive System	Split T
Athletic Publicist	J. R. Allred

No. 10 — NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

Nov. 26, Zimmerman Field — 1:30 p.m. at Albuquerque	
Stadium	Zimmerman Field
Series Began	1951
Series Record	2-1-1, New Mexico
Biggest NM Margin	34-0 (1951)
Last Year's Score	21-12, New Mexico
New Mexico Record	5-5
Enrollment	5,000
Nicknames	Lobos, Wolfpack
Colors	Cherry and Silver
University President	Tom L. Popejoy
Athletic Director	John Dolzadelli
Head Coach	Bob Titchenal (San Jose '39)
Conference	Mountain States (Skyline)
Offensive System	Split T
Athletic Publicist	George McFadden

PLAYER BRIEFS . . .



Ray Neel, left end; Tom Verbanatz, right end.

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RAY NEEL, Junior, 200, 6-1, 19, Orem, Utah—A reserve last year, Neel will likely be regular at left end this year . . . fine receiver . . . showing much improvement . . . was all-stater at Lincoln High . . . geology major.

TOM VERBANATZ, Senior, 195, 6-0, 21, Orem, Utah—Key player in Cougar line, Tom is definite candidate for all-conference honors . . . heady, capable, Verbanatz plays fine all-around game . . . led Cougar receivers last year.

PAUL BROWN, Junior, 190, 6-0, 20, Buhl, Idaho—Saw limited action last year, but will undoubtedly be valuable reserve in '55 . . . an all-stater from Idaho.

OWEN SKOUSEN, Senior, 190, 6-0, 23, Mesa, Arizona—Won fame as a BYU flanker three seasons ago before going into service . . . led Skyline pass receivers as a junior . . . all-state football and baseball in Arizona . . . will undoubtedly help the Cats this year.

ELGIN LOUDER, Sophomore, 185, 6-1, 19, Kamas, Utah—All-stater from small school in Wasatch country . . . first year with varsity . . . could help give right flank depth . . . a phys. ed. major.

PLAYER BRIEFS . . .

RICHARD EDGLEY, Sophomore, 175, 6-0, 19, Preston, Idaho—Another of the sophomores up from frosh ranks . . . may have to hustle to see regular activity this year . . . a physical therapy major.

RUDY ZANDER, Junior, 200, 6-3, 20, New York, N.Y.—Has good size and comes to Provo well recommended . . . could be the answer to some of the problems at end.

JOHNNY BROWN, Junior, 170, 5-11, 20, Murray, Utah—Another newcomer with quantity "X" . . . will have to battle for a position . . . more experience needed . . . could show later in the season.

— TACKLES —

RALPH POWERS, Senior, 195, 6-1, 20, Lehi, Utah—The only returning letterman tackle from '54 squad . . . will be stalwart in this position . . . has good size plus experience . . . two-year letterman.

STEVE HAWKINS, Sophomore, 210, 6-4, 18, Tooele, Utah—Has the size needed for a tackle . . . as first-year player, he will have to prove himself . . . an engineering major.

RICHARD RALPH, Junior, 215, 6-1, 20, Livermore, California—A transfer student from Modesto Junior College . . . his experience will be of great value . . . will be hard man to beat out for regular berth . . . an ag major.

JOHN McDONALD, Sophomore, 190, 5-11, 23, Orem, Utah—First year with varsity, but gained valuable experience as armed service player . . . boy to watch.

FRED LEAVITT, Sophomore, 188, 6-1, 19, Las Vegas, Nevada—One of the best tackle prospects the Cougars have had in a long time . . . rough, rugged, and a likely prospect for right tackle slot.

MIKE HINCKLEY, Sophomore, 205, 6-1, 19, Salt Lake City, Utah—Another fine prospect up from frosh team of last year . . . like other sophs, he may need time to work into varsity player.

ROSS CARTER, Senior, 205, 6-0, 23, Provo, Utah—A good-sized lineman with armed service experience, Carter could move up fast because of his seasoning.

DEAN GILLESPIE, Senior, 215, 6-4, 27, Fillmore, Utah—Was looking good in spring practice . . . looms as first or second stringer this year.

ROY BENNION, Sophomore, 220, 6-4, 19, Granger, Utah—Came to the fore as a frosh last year . . . excellent size . . . may have to spend sophomore year gaining experience . . . an all-stater.

PLAYER BRIEFS . . .

DAN NISONGER, Junior, 195, 6-2, 20, Provo, Utah—Coaching staff looking to this boy for help . . . could move up to first string with more improvement.

— GUARDS —

JOE MARTINEZ, Senior, 195, 5-11, 22, Midway, Utah—Joe won pair of BYU football letters before being called into service . . . veteran lineman . . . all-stater . . . he and others give guard slot good depth.

JACK CLARKE, Sophomore, 200, 6-0, 19, Provo, Utah—Won all-state honors at B.Y. High . . . is considered as potentially fine lineman just needing more experience.

ROBERT EARP, Senior, 210, 5-11, 23, El Monte, Calif.—Like Martinez, Bob won letters at guard before going into service . . . won letter first at Pasadena J. C.

JAY WEENIG, Junior, 210, 6-2 20, Boise, Idaho—One of the fastest linemen the school has ever seen . . . all-stater from Ogden High . . . is one of three players returning from '54 starting eleven . . . definite all-conference potential . . . pre-dental major.

GLENN TAYLOR, Junior, 190, 6-0, 20, Bountiful, Utah—Started '54 season as a center, but was moved to guard last spring . . . fine linebacker, good defender.

BOB LOOSE, Senior, 180, 6-0, 20, Belmont, California—Not large as linemen go, Bob has edge over sophomores needing more seasoning and training.

BILL MATTHEWS, Sophomore, 190, 5-11, 19, Boise, Idaho—One of the better linemen to come out of Idaho in 1953 . . . played well as frosh.

GLENN MERRILL, Sophomore, 170, 5-9, 18, Brigham City, Utah—Size and experience working against him . . . along with several other sophomores, Merrill will need seasoning.

— CENTERS —

FAMIKA ANAE, Senior, 205, 6-1, 23, Laie, Oahu, T.H.—Looms as first string center . . . won two letters at Compton J. C. before coming to BYU last year.

JIM WARNER, Sophomore, 260, 6-5, 23, Fillmore, Utah—No limit to heights this boy can rise to in next three years . . . biggest man on team . . . hard work and experience could make him the best in Skyline.

PAUL DALEBOUT, Sophomore, 185, 5-11, 18, Provo—Looked very good during spring drills . . . will be pushing both Anae and Warner all the way.

TOM PHILLIPS, Junior, 190, 6-0, 20, Phoenix, Arizona—A transfer student from Phoenix College where he won two letters . . . should see his share of action this fall . . . a business administration major.

PLAYER BRIEFS . . .

— QUARTERBACKS —

BOB OLSON, Junior, 170, 5-8, 22, Glendale, California—A transfer from Glendale J.C., Olson was injured last year before season started . . . was second team All Southland squad . . . good ball handler, fine passer.

CARROL JOHNSTON, Sophomore, 175, 5-10, 18, Durango, Colorado—Johnston, like other sophs, needs more training and experience.

DON DIXON, 160, 6-0, 19, Salt Lake City—Dixon won fame as back with Olympus High School eleven in Salt Lake City . . . polish needed, but potential seems to be there.

GEORGE PINCKNEY, Senior, 185, 6-2, 20, Alameda, California—didn't see any action last year, but had his moments as QB on practice field . . . George has height needed to get passes over opposing line.

— FULLBACKS —

JOHNNY VELASCO, Senior, 185, 5-9, 21, Honolulu, Hawaii—A two-year veteran at fullback, John is one of the finest defensive backs in conference . . . good speed, plenty of drive, could land Skyline honors.

DAVE McLAREN, Junior, 190, 6-1, 20, Provo, Utah—A hard running fullback who won his letter last year as sophomore . . . is consistent . . . has good "yards gained rushing" average . . . a business administration major.

ROY JONES, Junior, 180, 5-9, 22, Murray, Utah—Back at Cougarville after a two-year stretch in the Army, Roy is considered one of the Y's finest power runners . . . he hits line viciously, never quits . . . a P.E. major.

KEN GOMM, Junior, 175, 6-0, 19, Ogden, Utah—A PAT specialist, Ken moved from halfback to fullback this fall . . . he lettered last year and should be key figure in Cougar kicking chores this season.

SCOTT FARMER, Sophomore, 178, 5-10, 20, Great Falls, Montana—A lineman most of last year, Farmer moved to fullback slot last spring . . . his running was one of highlights of spring intrasquad game.

RICHARD HUNT, Junior, 192, 5-11, 19, Enterprise, Utah—A newcomer to Y squad, Hunt is transfer student from Dixie Junior College where he won two letters . . . lots of competition, but his experience will help here.

— HALFBACKS —

LeGRAND YOUNG, Sophomore, 186, 6-0, 19, Provo, Utah—Probably the best power runner in either halfback slot, Young will be pressing veterans for starting berth this year . . . prep star for B.Y. High two years ago . . . engineering major.

PLAYER BRIEFS . . .

PHIL OYLER, Senior, 170, 5-11, 21, Brigham City, Utah—Leading ground gainer for Cougars last year . . . all-around athlete . . . fine scatback . . . should garner all-conference honors this year . . . all-state for two years as prep . . . without question a key figure on '55 squad . . . headed for best season yet.

GARY LaCOMB, Junior, 175, 5-10, 20, Midvale, Utah—LaComb won all-state honors at Bingham High, top scorer in state . . . very fast, elusive . . . runs hard . . . picked up valuable experience as letterman last year . . . plays infield for Cougar nine.

HERB PINGREE, Sophomore, 165, 5-8, 19, Denver, Colorado—Herb won all kinds of rave notices as all-stater from East High School, Denver . . . comparatively small, but has speed and ball carrying savvy.

JACK HILTON, Sophomore, 175, 5-10, 22, Greer, South Carolina—Hilton captured all-state honors in South Carolina two years in a row, before entering the Marines . . . is in fast company, but should hold his own.

DALTON OVERSTREET, Senior, 170, 6-0, 21, Chandler, Arizona—Punting average last year was better than 44 yards per boot . . . won '54 letter as quarterback, but may double at halfback and QB this year . . . can pass and run well, too.

WILLARD STOLWORTHY, Senior, 170, 5-11, 21, Orem, Utah—Has been regular or semi-regular for past two seasons . . . is strong running back . . . will be the man to beat for right halfback slot . . . all-state player.

JIM CRITTENDEN, Junior, 175, 6-0, 20, Oakley, Utah—Won all-state honors in football and basketball . . . ran like a scared deer last year until sidelined with leg injury . . . good spirit, won't quit . . . is member of Y's championship mile relay team . . . a P.E. major.

BOB BILLS, Junior, 190, 6-0, 21, Pasadena, California—Bills was considered fastest back on BYU team of three years ago . . . but was injured early in the season . . . entered service where he played ball . . . was considered good enough to merit draft from pro club.

RAYNOR PEARCE, Sophomore, 180, 6-0, 19, Beaver, Utah—Looked very good in spring game . . . fast, a good runner . . . was all-state in '53 . . . a broad jumper on Cougar track squad.

RALPH MIGLIACCIO, Sophomore, 186, 5-10, 19, Spanish Fork, Utah—Another sophomore that showed promise during spring intrasquad game . . . has good potential . . . needs experience.

DAVE PINCKNEY, Junior, 175, 5-11, 23, Alameda, California—Didn't see any action last year . . . will have to hustle to keep with string of halfbacks who are shooting for first string berth . . . won two letters at Modesto Junior College . . . served in Marine Corps.

MORE ABOUT . . .

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Located at Provo, Utah

CAMPUS: Brigham Young University is located in Provo, Utah, a city of nearly 30,000 which increases considerably during the school year. Located in the northeast section of Provo, the campus is split into two campuses. Campus property covers nearly 400 acres. Provo is bordered by Utah Lake on the west, 12,000-ft. Mt. Timpanogos on the north, and the Wasatch mountains in the east.

FOUNDING: Established October 16, 1875, twenty-one years before Utah statehood, by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon).

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Ernest L. Wilkinson president; Dr. Wesley P. Lloyd, dean of students. The university is governed by a Church Board of Trustees.

ENROLLMENT: Over 7,000 total last year. Co-educational.

STADIUM: The Y Stadium is located north of the campus proper. It is built on the side of University Hill, facing west. Seating capacity, including the temporary bleachers on the west side of the field, is around 10,000.

SCHOOL COLORS: Royal Blue and White.

TEAM NICKNAMES: Cougars, Cats, etc.

CONFERENCE: Mountain States Intercollegiate Athletic Association, better known as the "Skyline Conference." The conference includes Wyoming University, Colorado A&M, Denver University, University of Utah, Utah State Agricultural College, Montana State University, and New Mexico University. The latter two joined the conference in 1951. E. L. Romney, conference commissioner, has offices in Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

SCHOOLS and COLLEGES: Graduate School, College of Applied Science, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Commerce, College of Fine Arts, College of Education, Division of Religion, Extension Division, School of Nursing, School of Engineering. Credits from the university are recognized nationally.

SCHOOL SONG: "The Cougar Song" is the official fight song.

1955 SCHEDULE FOR BRIGHAM YOUNG, OPONENTS

Opponent	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 22	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 26
Oregon State	COUGARS at Corvallis	Stanford at Portland		UCLA at Los Angeles	COP at Stockton	Wash. State at Corvallis	Washington at Seattle	Idaho at Corvallis	California at Berkeley	Oregon at Eugene	
Los Angeles State		COUGARS Provo									
Montana University	Houston at Houston	Wyoming at Billings	COUGARS at Missoula	Denver at Missoula	Utah State at Logan	New Mexico at Missoula	Colorado A&M at Missoula	Montana State at Bozeman	Arizona at Tucson	Idaho at Moscow	
Utah University	Oregon at Salt Lake	Idaho at Boise	Missouri at Columbia	COUGARS Salt Lake	Denver at (14)	Wyoming at Salt Lake		Colorado at Boulder	Colorado A&M at Salt Lake		Utah State at (24) Salt Lake
Denver University	Iowa State at Ames	Drake at (23) Denver	Colorado A&M at Ft. Collins	Montana at Missoula	Utah at (14) Denver	COUGARS at Denver	New Mexico at Albuquerque	Colo. College at Denver	Utah State at Denver		Wyoming at (24) Denver
Wyoming University	Kansas State at Manhattan	Montana at Billings	Utah State at Laramie	Colorado A&M at Laramie	Tulsa at Laramie	Utah at Salt Lake	COUGARS at Laramie		New Mexico at Albuquerque	Denver at (24) Denver	Houston at (Dec. 3) Houston
Utah State	San Jose St. at (16) Logan	Wichita at Wichita	Wyoming at Laramie	New Mexico at Logan	Montana at Logan	Colorado A&M at Ft. Collins	Fresno State at Logan	COUGARS Provo	Denver at Denver		Utah at Salt Lake
Idaho University	Washington at Spokane	Utah at Boise	Arizona at Tucson	COP at Moscow	Wash. State at Moscow		Oregon at Eugene	Oregon State at Corvallis	COUGARS Provo	Montana at Moscow	
Colorado A&M	Arizona at Tucson	New Mexico at Ft. Collins	Denver at Ft. Collins	Wyoming at Laramie	Utah State at Ft. Collins	Montana at Ft. Collins	Montana at Missoula	Oklahoma A&M at Stillwater	Utah at Salt Lake	COUGARS Provo	Colorado at Ft. Collins
New Mexico University	New Mex. A&M at Albuquerque	Colorado A&M at Ft. Collins	Texas West. at Albuquerque	Utah State at Logan	San Jose at Albuquerque	Montana at Missoula	Denver at Albuquerque		Wyoming at Albuquerque	Arizona at Tucson	COUGARS at Albuquerque